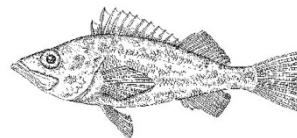

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2012 DEMERSAL SHELF ROCKFISH FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the directed fishery for demersal shelf rockfish (DSR) will close in the East Yakutat (EYKT) Section at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2012. The allocation for the directed DSR fishery in EYKT is 81,144 round lb (36.8 metric tons). Over 68,000 lb have been taken in this fishery and it is estimated that the remainder of the quota will be taken at the time of the closure.

The directed DSR fishery remains open in the Southern Southeast Outside (SSEO) Section and the Northern Southeast Inside (NSEI) and Southern Southeast Inside (SSEI) Subdistricts. These areas will remain open until allocations are taken or until 4:00 p.m. on March 16, whichever occurs first. Catch and effort will be closely monitored and area closures may occur on short notice. Closures will be announced by news release and on the United States Coast Guard "Notice to Mariners" report and the National Weather Service broadcast. Updates of area closures will also be available on the Groundfish Hotline at 907-747-4882.

For additional information regarding the 2012 directed DSR fishery, refer to the ADF&G news releases issued on December 30, 2011 and January 27, 2012.

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1G0612.

News releases web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnnews.main>.

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